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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2551

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1971

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TAGS: SREF, INR, HA

SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST: DUMERCY PHILLIP SENATUS

REF: STATE 178948

1. POST NAME CHECK NEGATIVE.

2. DUE TO POST PERSONNEL LIMITATIONS, WE ARE UNABLE
TO DO ANY INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE PORT AU PRINCE.
ACCORDINGLY WE REQUIRE NAMES/ADDRESSES OF PERSONS IN
CAPITAL WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT IN PRIVATE
TO EMBOFFS ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF SUBJECT'S ALLEGATIONS.

3. ON THE FACE OF IT, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT A
HAITIAN TODAY WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY FOR HAVING FAVORED IN
1957 THE LATE CLEMENT JUMELLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OVER
THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER. WHILE JUMELLE HIMSELF
DIED IN ASYLUM IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN APRIL 1959,
TWO OF HIS BROTHERS WERE ASSASSINATED IN 1958, AND MANY
OF HIS FOLLOWERS SUFFERED WELL INTO THE 1960'S, THE
PERIOD OF SUCH RETAILIATION AGAINST FOLLOWERS OF FRANCOIS
DUVALIER'S FORMER OPPONENTS HAS SINCE ENDED -- UNLESS
THEY ARE STILL ACTIVELY OPPOSING THE GOH. THE FACT
THAT JUMELLE WAS SUBJECT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW'S GODFATHER
BY ITSELF HAS LITTLE OR NO MEANING TODAY -- IF IT EVER
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DID. WHAT IS MORE RELEVANT IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE TO

ESTABLISH THE VALIDITY OF SUBJECT'S ALLEGED SUFFERING
AS THE RESULT OF GOH ACTION.

4. ZARCHARIE DELVA IS THE WIDELY-HATED FORMER TONTON
MACOUTE "RULER" OF THE ARTIBONITE VALLEY UNDER PRESIDENT
(1957-71) FRANCOIS DUVALIER. HOWEVER, JUST AFTER THE
ELDER DUVALIER DIED IN APRIL 1971, AN ANGRY MOB OF
DELVA'S MANY VICTIMS, OR THEIR RELATIVES, STORMED DELVA'S
HOUSE AND LITERALLY TORE IT APART. DELVA AND HIS FAMILY
JUST BARELY ESCAPED IN TIME TO PORT AU PRINCE, WHERE
DELVA REMAINS TODAY. HE OWNS AND OPERATES A FOOD MARKET
HERE, AND WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT HE HAS BEEN
RESTORED TO ANY POSITION OF AUTHORITY HERE OR ELSEWHERE.
THEREFORE, WE ARE CONFUSED BY SUBJECT'S ALLEGATION THAT
DELVA SOMEHOW HAD CUT OFF THE ST. MARC WATER SUPPLY IN
1974. ALSO, WE ARE FRANKLY SKEPTICAL THAT SUBJECT
ESCAPED FROM THE NATIONAL PENITENTIARY; AT THE LEAST,
THIS CLAIM REQUIRES DETAILED EXPLANATION.
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